REPORT OF THE ROADING MANAGER
SEPTEMBER 2008

General

Programmed activities proceeded despite a full week being lost due to persistent rain and there being several shorter duration wet or windy weather events. A second grader was in the district for approximately 10 days in September, and again in October to assist with gravel road maintenance and sealed road shoulder repairs.

Pre-reseal repair works are the main focus in the urban areas while restoration of the gravel roads following the wet winter has been a significant activity in the rural areas.

September 2008 - Completed Maintenance Works

- Routine cyclic rural and urban maintenance.
- 212 km of gravel roads were graded.
- Maintenance metalling carried out on various roads – 1997 m3.
- Concrete footpath and kerbing pre-reseal repair works commenced on Ardwick St.
- Various rural culverts inspected and cleared.
- Culvert replaced in Exeter Lane, Mataura.
- Manual cleaning of vehicle crossings in Gore continued
- No Spray Register updated.
- Complete handrail repairs on Speden Road Bridge.

October 2008 - Programmed Maintenance Works

- Routine cyclic rural, urban and reserves inspections and maintenance.
- Complete manual cleaning of Gore vehicle crossings.
- Continue sealed road shoulder grading.
- Shape correction on sections of Gardyne Road.
- Continue pre-reseal repairs.
- Repair culvert in River Road.

Pavement Marking

Roadmarkers Otago has carried out a large quantity of remarking work during late September and early October.

Reseals

Blacktop has completed the field investigation work and submitted its seal designs to MWH, the consultant managing our reseal contract.

MWH has analysed the designs submitted and requested a number of alterations to the submitted designs. The seal designs will dictate the

actual cost of treatment at each site and will dictate, along with cost fluctuations, the quantity of sealing that will be undertaken.

Falls in the price of oil overseas may benefit the Council's reseal programme.

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